

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following between paragraphs [0010] and [0011].

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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Please replace paragraph [0052]¹ with the following paragraph.

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[0052] The sensor 301 is coupled via a SEMI Equipment Communication Standard (SECS) ~~an SECS~~ interface 302, which is set up for data communication according to the SECS standards, to a local communication network (Local Area Network, LAN) ~~306~~ (not shown).

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¹ Paragraph [0052] refers to paragraph numbering in the originally filed application. Paragraph [0052] corresponds to paragraph [0096] in published application no. US 2004/0236528 A1.